



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: The New York State Workers' Compensation Permanency Impairment Guidelines.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to examine New York State's Workers' Compensation Permanency Impairment Guidelines.

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017
1:00 PM
Roosevelt Hearing Room C
Legislative Office Building, 2nd Floor
Albany, New York 12248**

ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY

There has been much debate about whether New York's current Workers' Compensation Permanency Impairment Guidelines provide workers with adequate compensation when a workplace injury occurs. In particular, do the Guidelines accurately reflect the most common workplace injuries and proper valuation of injuries in light of the changing workplace landscape, and recent advances in medical treatment? The New York State Workers' Compensation Board is in the process of reviewing and revising the Permanency Impairment Guidelines. The New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Labor is looking to receive feedback from relevant stakeholders on the Guidelines and to determine if they provide appropriate compensation to injured workers in today's workplace.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes in duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on the New York State Workers' Compensation Permanency Impairment Guidelines to be conducted by the New York State Assembly Committee on Labor on Tuesday, September 26, 2017.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
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